(b) if so, what are the details of the agreement made and how far it has been implemented;

(c) whether it is a fact that revision of pay scales of University and College teachers in Bihar and Jammu & Kashmir has not taken place yet; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL) : (a) and (b) The Government, in a meeting held with the representatives of All India Federation of University and College Teachers' Organisations (AIFUCTO) on 5-9-98, had discussed a charter of demands relating to revision of pay scales and other conditions of service of University and College teachers. Most of the demands have already been settled. Some of the demands like formulation of a Scheme to recognise the reward meritorious teachers who may not have M. Phil, or Ph.D but who have made outstanding contribution to teaching and research, Readers (MPS), Coaches, Accompanists, etc. are being considered in consultation with representatives of Teachers' Federations and UGC.

(c) and (d) The Scheme of revision of pay scales of University and College teachers submitted to the Central Government by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has since been approved and the first instalment of Rs. 15.00 crore has been released for implementation of the Scheme in the State. The Government of Bihar has not submitted its proposal to the Central Government as yet.

Stopping Grants to Gandhian Institutions

4358. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that grants to the Gandhian institutions working in the field of education have been stopped or reduced; and

(b) if so, what motivated Government to do so ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Grants to Gandhian institutions have neither been stopped nor reduced. In the case of the Institute of Gandhian Studies, Varanasi, grants had been temporarily withheld because of certain financial and other irregularities. These have since been released.